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IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) ~~A container assembly comprising:~~ A [[a]] container body formed of a thermoplastic material having at least three sides with an inner surface, an outer surface, and at least one corner joining said at least three sides, a reinforcement of thermoplastic material disposed over said outer surface of said three sides of said corner, said reinforcement having a bottom surface and a top surface tapering to a peripheral pointed edge extending [[endlessly]] completely about said corner reinforcement, said thermoplastic material of said container body being disposed [[about]] over said pointed edge [[and over]] to engage said tapered bottom and top surfaces completely about said peripheral edge for mechanically locking said reinforcement to said container body on all three sides thereof while exposing said top surface of said reinforcement.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) A container assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said peripheral edge is cohesively bonded to said outer surface of said container body.

Claim 4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Canceled)

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6. (Previously presented) A container assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic material comprising said container assembly is polyethylene.

7. (Previously presented) A container assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said reinforcement includes a vent hole therethrough for venting fluid between said container body and said reinforcement.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Canceled)